GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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UNECONOMIC ROUTES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the uneconomic routes in the country where Indian Airlines is operating at present;

(b) whether the private Airlines are also operating on uneconomic routes;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for the private Airlines to share the uneconomic routes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Indian Airlines including Alliance Air operated 134 services on domestic network during 2003-04, out of which 53 services did not meet direct cost. The remaining 81 services generated surplus over direct cost.

(b), (c), (d) and (e): As per the Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government, all operators are required to deploy in Category II routes at least 10% of the capacity deployed by them on routes in Category I (i.e. trunk routes) and of the capacity thus required to be deployed on Category II routes, at least 10% would be deployed on services or segments thereof operated exclusively within the North-Eastern region, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshdweep. The operators are also required to deploy in Category III, at least 50% of the capacity deployed on routes in Category I. Category II and IIA routes are considered to be non-profitable routes.

Private scheduled operators which operate on Category I routes i.e. Jet Airways, Sahara Airlines and Air Deccan operate on Category II and IIA routes alongwith Indian Airlines and Alliance Air to meet the requirements of Route Dispersal Guidelines.